

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
Level Crossing (Lissue) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010

S.R. 2010 No. 419

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Regional Development to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under section 66(4) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The Order is being made to amend a Level Crossing Order setting out operational changes at Lissue Level Crossing. It will provide for the provision and maintenance of a system of automatic barriers in lieu of manually operated gates at Lissue railway crossing.

3. Background

- 3.1. A new bottling plant being built just outside Lisburn will significantly increase the traffic movements to and from the plant. A condition of the planning permission requires Lissue Road to be upgraded from the junction with the Moira Road to the entrance of the plant. As Lissue Level Crossing sits between the new facility and the Moira Road, alterations to the level crossing are required to facilitate the wider carriageway and pedestrian footway. It is intended to continue using an automatic half barrier crossing. The proposed changes consist of relocating the barrier machine on the Moira side of the crossing, increasing the barrier arm length, erecting new road traffic light posts at each approach then transferring the lighting board over, fencing alterations, cattle grid alterations, crossing deck extension and new lining over the crossing.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The Department issued a public consultation and no substantive comments were received. In addition consultees' attention was drawn to the issues of human rights, equality and regulatory impact and their views sought if any such matters arose. No comments were received in relation to these areas as set out below.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. In accordance with its duty under section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Department has conducted a screening exercise on the legislative proposal as part of the public consultation exercise on these proposals. The Department does not consider there is a need for an equality impact assessment.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1. The Department does not consider that there is a need for a regulatory impact assessment.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. None.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. The Department has carried out a Human Rights Act screening analysis and no human rights issues have been identified.

9. EU Implications

9.1. None.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. None.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.